

# *Account of Purley on Thames*

## Tennis in Purley

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Tennis has been played in Purley since the late 1800s when a court at Purley Hall was made available to villagers.

The Tennis club was founded in 1972 using a grass court provided at the north western corner of the recreation ground. You will find an article by John Utton on the first ten years by returning to the previous page. It was originally published in Purley Parish News February 1982.

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*Some articles about the tennis club were published in the Purley Parish News at various dates*

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Monday.5th January sees the first of the weekly table tennis evenings to be held in the Sports Pavilion starting at 7.15 p.m. Both present and future members of the Club are warmly invited to take this opportunity to meet regularly and keep their eye in at table tennis over the winter months. A small charge of 10p-for Seniors 5p for Juniors is being made to cover expenses.

A competition is being held to find the 'best design of a badge or emblem for the Club. Gift/record tokens are being given for the best Junior and Senior entries which should be handed in to either the Chairman or Secretary by 31st January.

On Friday 6th February a "Junior Pop Scene" is being held at the Sports Pavilion from 7.30 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Tickets will be available for members and friends from committee members at 25p each. Please try and bring a record to be played (a single if possible). Light refreshments will be provided and pop and crisps will be available for purchase

Finally the Tennis Club is sorry to say goodbye to Judy Bonsall, our Secretary and Kay Godwin our Captain. Judy is going to the United States at the end of the year to take up a new appointment and Kay is moving away from this area. On behalf of all members I should like to thank them both for their hard work at the Club and wish them well for the future. Our new Secretary is Mrs.Barbara Mercer of Martingales,. Beech Road, Purley.

T.D.Owen.

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On the evenings of the 22nd and 23rd December, members of the Tennis Club went carol singing and managed to raise £15 for Dr. Barnardo's. Thanks go to those who turned out and the people of Purley who gave so generously.

The Monday evening table tennis sessions which are held in the Sports Pavilion from 7.15 - 10.00 p.m. certainly got off to a good start on 5th January when 25 people turned up to play! However everyone got a chance to get in some practice, and the following two weeks have shown that we have

some talented young players. Present and prospective members are welcome to come along.

There are still some tickets left for the "Junior Pop Scene" to be held on Friday 6th FEBRUARY in the Sports Pavilion and these can be obtained through any Committee member. The price of 25p includes light refreshments and pop and crisps will be on sale. Please try and bring a record with you.

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